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1. WE DISCUSSED CSCE WITH CRISPIN TICKELL ON DEC 10. HE REPORTED THAT FCO IS NOT TROUBLED BY FRENCH POSITION ON CSCE SUMMIT AS SET OUT IN COMMUNIQUE OF BREZHNEV/D'ESTAING TALKS. TICKELL SAID THAT CAREFUL READING OF COMMUNIQUE INDICATES THAT FRENCH HAVE NOT BROKEN WITH ALLIANCE POSITION TO INSIST ON SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSIONS FROM USSR BEFORE AGREEING TO A CSCE SUMMIT.

2. TICKELL SAID THAT UK UNDERSTANDS THAT FRENCH OBTAINED SOVIET AGREEMENT TO A PREAMBLE FORMULATION ON BASKET III WHICH MAY FORM BASIS FOR FINAL AGREEMENT ON THAT ASPECT OF CSCE; THAT FRENCH "HAVE A PAPER" WITH THE AGREED LANGUAGE. IF THIS IS TRUE, HE SAID, IT WOULD JUSTIFY FORTHCOMING LANGUAGE IN COMMUNIQUE.

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